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Washington, D.C. 20231**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

The preliminary amendment filed with the application on 29 March 2002 is hereby amended as follows:

**In the Claims:**

The previous amendment to claim 4 should be further amended to read as follows:

4. (Twice Amended) The method of laser beam machining according to claim 1,

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wherein laser beam machining is a processing which is selected from padding, welding and hardening and to which the part to be processed is subjected.